

# What Shall We Preach?

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

- Introduction:
1. Paul made it clear what we are to preach in writing 2 Timothy 4:1-5.
  2. Peter reinforced what Paul said in 1 Peter 4:11.
  3. The word of God that needs to be preached, but that needs clarification for:
    - a. One may preach “the word” without preaching “all the word.”
    - b. One may preach the word in a manner that the word is overshadowed or marginalized.
  4. Let’s examine a few points of emphasis with regard to the content and manner of our preaching.

## I. We Need To Preach Jesus

- A. (Acts 8:1-12; 35-39).
- B. Preaching Jesus involves more than just preaching the “person” of Jesus, but also includes preaching the “doctrine of Jesus” (John 16:12-15).
- C. Focus should be upon him, above all else.

## II. We Need To Preach The Grace of God

- A. There’s hope for all men (Acts 20:35), and the goodness of God leads men to repentance (Romans 2:4).
- B. People need to know the riches of God’s grace (Ephesians 1:7; John 1:16).
- C. But we need to preach a balanced view of grace (Titus 2:11-12).

## III. We Need To Preach With Plainness

- A. (Habakkuk 2:2).
- B. There is a difference in teaching a subject and teaching people.
- C. Our focus should be on teaching people a subject.

## IV. We Need To Preach With Relevance

- A. We need preachers who have the virtue or moral courage to preach on cultural concerns (2 Timothy 4:2).
- B. We need preachers to become a moral voice in our communities and churches.
- C. We cannot be afraid of controversy.

## V. We Need To Preach With Urgency

- A. We are debtors (Romans 1:14-16).
- B. Because so much is at stake, we cannot be lazy, unprepared, dull, and apathetic.
- C. Philip ran to the Eunuch (Acts 8:29-30).
- D. We must take the Great Commission seriously and get out of our buildings (Mark 16:15).

- Conclusion:
1. If men are to be saved, they are going to be saved by the preaching of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 1:18).
  2. May God help us to see the importance of preaching that message and in the manner in which it ought to be preached.